

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 474

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING ALL MEAT FROM A HARVESTED GAME ANIMAL
5 THAT IS SUITABLE FOR FOOD TO BE TRANSPORTED FROM A KILL SITE IN THE FIELD BEFORE
6 ANTLERS OR HORNS ARE TRANSPORTED; PROVIDING PENALTIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
7 DATE."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Removal of antlers or horns from field.** (1) A person may not transport
12 the antlers or horns of a harvested game animal from a kill site in the field until all meat suitable for food has been
13 transported from the kill site. The antlers or horns may be transported simultaneously with the final load of meat
14 suitable for food. The proper tag, coupon, or other marker for the harvested game animal must be completed
15 pursuant to 87-2-509 and affixed to the largest portion of meat being transported.

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(2) For purposes of this section, "all meat suitable for food" means those portions referred to as the
17 quarters of the animal and any additional meat suitable for food including backstraps and tenderloins. The term
18 does not include meat of the head, meat that has been damaged and made inedible by the method of taking,
19 bones, sinew, incidental meat reasonably lost as a result of boning or a close trimming of the bones, or viscera.

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(3) A person who violates this section shall be fined not less than \$50 or more than \$500. In addition,
21 the person, upon conviction or forfeiture of bond or bail, may be subject to forfeiture of any current hunting,
22 fishing, or trapping license issued by this state and the privilege to hunt, fish, or trap in this state or to use state
23 lands, as defined in 77-1-101, for recreational purposes for a period of time set by the court.

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25 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
26 integral part of Title 87, chapter 3, part 3, and the provisions of Title 87, chapter 3, part 3, apply to [section 1].

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28 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective August 15, 2011.

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